

News from Graduate Studies:

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Welcome

The Fall 2009 semester has seen a lot of hands involved in helping prospective students start a graduate degree at Delta State. Graduate packets, letters of correspondence and the always anticipated letter of admittance to the graduate school have many fingerprints on them. We recently said "thank you" with an office party for our student workers and graduate assistants. Each of these students plays a very critical role in making graduate studies run effectively and efficiently. They all have very different interests and bring a sense of holiday spirit to our office. With the Christmas holiday approaching we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember if you come in contact with a prospective student over the break encourage them to apply to DSU!



From left Chasity Boling (G.A.), Daphne White (Student worker), April Mondy (Student worker), Teresa Campbell (Student Worker), and Brisbane Baird (G.A.) were all smiles recently at office party.

Special points of interest:

- Christmas Party
- DSU reaches out
- Ph.D. at Columbia University
- Accountant crunching...lawyers
- Delta school visits will continue

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Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

from

Graduate and Continuing Studies !



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Retention Analysis

One of the areas that has come under the view of universities across the nation is how to keep students until graduation. This topic is no different at Delta State with the constant fluctuation of students. During the past several weeks, our office has been analyzing data in this area. Dr. Nylander has been aggressive with the approach in dealing with students who did not return for the fall semester. Letters were sent to these students encouraging them to return to DSU. This type of data analysis is nothing new to Dr. Nylander, who has over a decade of experience in dealing with this type of information. Some of the following information was reported in the analysis: 2,673 students were examined, 758 students did not return from Spring to Fall semester. Also, the state of Mississippi was looked at from a categorical standpoint in the analysis from several different areas. Some of the data that were

pulled looked at the core MS delta counties and the GPA of students.



"We want to make certain we are in touch with students and inform them that Delta State is here to help further their academic background."

-Dr. Albert Nylander

Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies



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Students and Faculty meet in the Writing Center in Kethley Hall on the main campus.

Fast Fact:

Recent DSU Graduate of MED-English is a Doctoral Candidate at Columbia University

Program Spotlight

Delta State offers a masters degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in English. This program is coordinated by Dr. William Hays, whose office is located in Kethley Hall on the main campus. Students admitted to this program in full-standing must have a bachelors degree in English with a minimum gpa of 3.0 in the major, and a valid Class A teaching license (a waiver can be signed if one is not held). A total of 33 hours are needed to obtain this degree.

After completing the program, graduates will be prepared to teach English at the college level. The degree can also lead to further graduate study. For example, one of the recent graduates of this program is now at Columbia University as a doctoral candidate in English. For further information, contact Dr. Hays at 662-846-4060 or whays@deltastate.edu or go to the Languages and Literature home page listed below.



www.deltastate.edu/pages/2000.asp

Master of Secondary Education in English:

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Student Spotlight



Megan Belenchia
2009 Masters Student in Professional Accountancy

Megan Belenchia is a Cleveland native who is a Masters student in the Professional Accountancy program at Delta State. Presently, she is employed in Clarksdale, MS with Henken-Bufkin, P.A. as a legal assistant. The CPA exam is in the future plans after completion of the 30 hour graduate program on the Cleveland campus.

Currently, she attends two night classes on campus after she gets off work in Clarksdale. Megan commented, "I have to stay disciplined...so that I do not fall behind." Another thought that came to the future plans of this MPAC student was being in the classroom in a different role – teacher. Entry level accounting

classes were on the mind of Megan as she was contacted about her view of the Graduate programs at Delta State. She could see herself teaching these classes after she finishes the Masters degree. When asked about advice to give to a prospective graduate students Megan replied, **"It takes dedication and should be seriously considered."**

For over a decade at Delta State University, the Masters in Professional Accountancy program has produced students ready to take the CPA Exam.

Coming Up

The 2010 Spring semester at Delta State will start with night classes on January 11th and day classes starting on January 12th. Registration for classes will begin on that Monday, January 11th and will end Thursday, January 21st. The Graduate

office will be planning trips to recruit graduate students to Delta State for the Summer and Fall terms of 2010. Areas that will be included are Memphis, TN and Clinton, MS. Also, school visits that were started this semester by the Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies will continue in January for teachers in the

Mississippi Delta. Meeting with high school principals, to inform them of the Graduate programs at Delta State, was a top priority this semester and will continue in the Spring semester. Please contact our office if you have questions for the Spring 2010 term at DSU.

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Who is the 2009-2010 Association of Government Accountants National President?

Hint: This person is located in the Mississippi Delta.

Answer: Delta State Accounting Professor and Chair, Dr. William Moorehead